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CAPTAIN RANDALL M. HENDRICKSON UNITED STATES NAVY

CAPT Hendrickson is a native of Marquette, Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1983 with a double major in political science and naval science. After being commissioned he attended Surface Warfare Officer School (Basic Course) in Newport, Rhode Island. He then served in Division Officer assignments in USS GARCIA (FF 1040) and as a plankowner in the commissioning wardroom of USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55).

In 1989, he transferred to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. There he studied National Security Affairs and earned a masters degree with two sub-specialties, Far Eastern/Pacific and Strategic Planning/International Organizations and Negotiations. Upon graduation from postgraduate school in 1991, he reported to the Surface Warfare Officer School (Department Head Curriculum). CAPT Hendrickson subsequently served as the Combat Systems Officer in USS CHANDLER (DDG 996). After completing his department head tour, he was assigned to the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific as Force Air Warfare Officer in the Warfare Requirements Section. CAPT Hendrickson served as the commissioning Executive Officer of USS DECATUR (DDG 73) from December 1996 to May 1999.

After his Executive Officer tour he reported to Washington and was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff, Surface Warfare, Theater Air Warfare, where he became the Requirements Action Officer for the Navy Theater Wide Ballistic Missile Defense Program. When the Theater Air Warfare branch transitioned in the fall of 2000, CAPT Hendrickson became a charter member within the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Missile Defense directorate. He returned to sea in Command of USS RAMAGE (DDG 61) from March 2002 to November 2003. During his Command tour RAMAGE was the recipient of consecutive Battle Efficiency and Golden Anchor awards. Upon completion of his Command tour CAPT Hendrickson reported to the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Strategy office in the Policy Under-Secretariat. During this tour he was selected and became the Military Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

CAPT Hendrickson's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various unit awards.

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